

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

With respect to the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejections, please note that "bone glue" is a technical term known to the person of skill in the art. Bone glue is obtained by degumming bones. Thus, this rejection should be withdrawn.

It is believed that all other 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejections are overcome by the amendments to the claims.

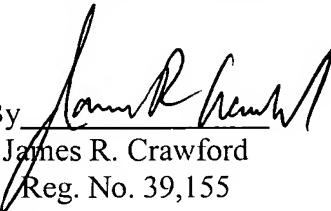
As to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)/103(a) over Chatterji, certified English translations of the German priority applications are submitted herewith. Both antedate the US filing date of Chatterji.

In view of the foregoing, allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0624, under Order No. NY-HUBR-1282-US. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted

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Enclosures-English trans. of German priority apps.